

## BUSINESS NOTICES

**COMMISSION IN YALE.**—Knox has been appointed to the position of Commissioner of the New York State Board of Education, and will take office on the 1st of January next.

**HATS: HATS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**—The beautiful and elegant hats of HATZ & LANE, with a variety of styles, are now on hand. The hats are made of the finest materials, and are of the latest fashion. They are sold at a low price, and are a great bargain for the holidays.

**REDAUCED.**—Selling all those rich silks, velvets, and elegant cloths, silk velvets, and elegant cloths, at a great reduction. The goods are of the highest quality, and are sold at a low price. They are a great bargain for the holidays.

**BARGAINS FOR ALL.**—Ladies and gentlemen of an elegant taste, who desire to make an early start in the new year, will find a great variety of goods at a low price. The goods are of the highest quality, and are sold at a low price. They are a great bargain for the holidays.

**MORNING MILK AT REDUCED PRICES.**—Barnes & Co. have reduced the price of their morning milk to a low price. The milk is of the highest quality, and is sold at a low price. It is a great bargain for the holidays.

**UNDER GARMENTS AND HOSIERY.**—The undershirts and hosiery of HATZ & LANE are now on hand. They are made of the finest materials, and are of the latest fashion. They are sold at a low price, and are a great bargain for the holidays.

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**100 FARMS AND 2,000 BUILDING LOTS FOR CHRISTMAS.**—The New York State Board of Education has decided to sell 100 farms and 2,000 building lots for Christmas. The lots are of the highest quality, and are sold at a low price. They are a great bargain for the holidays.

**HAVE WE ANY COLDS AMONG US?**—Yes, many colds, coughs, and sore throats are now on hand. They are made of the finest materials, and are of the latest fashion. They are sold at a low price, and are a great bargain for the holidays.

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## THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

The "Old Dominion" revived her pristine glories in the Senate yesterday. Her two most important Committees, with Douglas, Bright and other "high-reaching" "Backingham" for their subordinates, while Messrs. Sumner of Massachusetts, and Chase of Ohio, being declared "outside of any really political organization," were left off the important Committees altogether. Mr. Walker of Wisconsin is at the foot of the Land Committee, when either he or Chase should have been at its head; so we apprehend that Land Reform has no chance in the Senate this year.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs has a most conservative, anti-revolutionary cast. The Country will never go to war for Liberty under its lead. Nothing short of Slavery Extension, or apprehension of "the Africanization of Cuba" will ever move that Committee to belligerency.

## THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

When Mr. Boyd was in the agony of the canvass for the Speakership, the Telegraph proclaimed it "understood" that Mr. Geo. S. Houston of Ala. declined a reappointment as Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Boyd is re-elected, and he has reappointed Mr. Houston. We speak moderately when we pronounce this unfortunate. Mr. Houston is a good man in his way and will do well as he can; but he is not a competent leader of the House. That position requires talent enough for ten average Presidents, while Mr. H. has a slim allowance for one. The public business will be delayed and the Session protracted by this appointment. Either Col. Orr, Col. Russell, Mr. Breckinridge or Mr. Olds—all old members, and of unimpeachable Political orthodoxy—would have filled this post far more efficiently. Otherwise this most important Committee is very fairly constituted.

Mr. Disney is Chairman of the Committee on public Lands, which seems quite well constituted. We trust there is a majority of its Members in favor of the Free Homestead bill.

Mr. Boyd has done a manly act in putting Col. Benton at the head of the Committee on Military Affairs. For the credit of human nature, we surmise that Col. Benton asked the Speaker to put the veteran Senator over his head.

Mr. Fred P. Stanton is transferred from the head of the Naval to that of the Judiciary Committee—a step upward, but that is not the meaning of this move. The truth is that Mr. S. is deemed a little too pliant to the importunities of the Steamship-brokers, and he is promoted to a post where he will enjoy more dignity and less pecuniary power. But the selection of Mr. Boone of Va. for Chairman of the Naval Committee is an asterisk.

Mr. Fuller (Maine) may be the very man for Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, but his designation will be a great surprise to many.

Gen. Bayly of Va. stands at the head of the Committee of Foreign Affairs. He is a weak man, but the Committee is a strong one, though intensely anti-sympathetic with the struggles of the oppressed for freedom.

We think Col. Orr, if he be so strong a man as his friends consider him, should have a better position than that of Chairman of the Indian Committee. But we do not know him personally.

Of our City Delegation, Mr. Cutting has a place near the foot of the Judiciary Committee, but the rest are substantially nowhere. But this is no worse luck than has happened to John Wentworth, now entering upon his fourth term. What does that mean?

## ALDERMANIC ROBERTS.

The Aldermen have sent their bills to the Controller for \$40 each, or \$2 per day for twenty days' work in canvassing the returns of the late Election. Their demand is backed by a certificate, of which the following is a copy:

CLERK OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK: I, David A. Fowler, Deputy City Clerk and Secretary to the Board of County Aldermen, do hereby certify that the following are the names of the Aldermen who have sent their bills to the Controller for \$40 each, or \$2 per day for twenty days' work in canvassing the returns of the late Election. Their demand is backed by a certificate, of which the following is a copy:

It will be observed that Mr. Fowler, the Deputy City Clerk, who acted as Secretary to the Board, is very careful not to say that the Aldermen attended beyond the first day—though he states that "the Board" met nineteen times subsequently. The truth is, some of the Aldermen never spent two hours in actual service for which they claim \$40; some might have been occupied ten hours in all; but not one of them was present during all of the sessions. Besides, there were two days—Thanksgiving and Election Day—on which they deliberately agreed not to work, and went through the formality of an adjournment only to claim \$80 for this, and that, too, not as a portion of a yearly salary, but as per diem allowance for work which the law presumes was actually done on the days specified. If that is a better than stealing money, we should like to know the degree of difference. The process of canvassing was a most edifying spectacle. One Alderman occupied the chair, with another sometimes at his side, both smoking, and displaying their boots upon the top of the desk; in one corner were a couple of Aldermen discussing the jobs on hand before their official exit; in another a drowsy reporter poring over a mass of figures which never will foot up twice alike; at the clerk's desk a scribe noting down the figures called off by the only Alderman paying the slightest attention to the work—in fact all the work done during more than half the afternoon sessions was done by the clerk and one Alderman, (at a time) the remaining four or five in attendance doing nothing, and caring nothing for the business. Indeed, at the very outset they openly gave up that they would be as long as they could, and make the most of it; they set out with the deliberate design of getting \$40 each from the Treasury; they protracted through twenty-three days a job that should have been done in five days at most; they met and adjourned on at least two days without even pretending to do any work, and then every man sends in a bill of \$4 for those very days, charging the City \$50 for refusing to work. We do not know what remedy there is for such a nuisance, but we do know that there should be some severe and sure punishment for public robbery so deliberate, so bold, so impudent, so openly avowed: some penalty that should teach these gentlemen at least to take their plunder by stealth and in secret, like the Bristol Bills and Dirty Jacks in the lower walks of the profession.

Some men are born to greatness, others have it thrust upon them. Some men are born fools, others arrive at that distinction through the working of favorable circumstances. But of both these eminent classes, the perfections seem to be concentrated in His Excellency, JOHN BIGLER, the Governor of Pennsylvania. This functionary has sent a telegraphic dispatch to the rioters who have been destroying bridges and digging up railroad tracks at Erie, to assure them of his sympathies in their nefarious crusade against right and common sense. Whatever he can do to help them he will do, provided, he says, it be consistent with his duty and the law. A great regard for both is certainly exhibited in this manifesto. The facts are briefly these: the railroad Company determine to change the width of their

gauge for the convenience of the public and their own, and the mob of Erie, headed by its Mayor, resist the change by force. They tear up the rails, burn down the bridges and plow up the bed of the road. A nice high-handed outrage was never committed by any mob, nor a more needless one. Either the Company had the right to change the gauge, or it had not. If it had not, why then the power to prohibit and prevent the alteration belonged to the Courts alone. But instead of procuring a legal injunction, the aggrieved men of Erie armed themselves, and engaged in a riot, for which the borough will yet have to pay dearly. And this violence is utterly useless as well as criminal, for the Courts must come in to decide at last. But suppose the Courts decide—as it is plain to all impartial men they must—that the citizens of Erie are entirely in the wrong, and that they are bound to pay for the damage they have occasioned: what sort of a position will the Governor be placed in, with his sympathies on the side of the rioters? Will his sense of duty and the law allow him to remit any penalties that may have been imposed upon them? But let us not be severe on Mr. Bigler. His folly is his misfortune, not his fault.

The Camden and Amboy Railroad Company are erecting several large buildings at South Amboy, intended to accommodate the constantly increasing freight business of the road. The length of the various buildings will probably be not less than five hundred or six hundred feet. The company is also continually straightening tracks, and making other necessary improvements, conducive to the safety and convenience of passengers. (Evening Post.)

Why don't this Company add to their other improvements a double track for the whole extent of the road? Nothing is so necessary for the safety and convenience of passengers, and yet while they allow the great thoroughfare between the two principal cities of the Union to remain with but a single track, they are making enormous profits. Loss of life, and loss of time to passengers both occur for the want of a double track.

Mr. G. G. Foster, in giving evidence the other day in behalf of the Editor of *The Herald* on occasion of the libel suit of Fry vs. Bennett, had the opportunity of making some unpleasant statements, which have been generally passed over in silence by the parties concerned. One of them, however, has deemed it proper to respond by a statement of the facts. We refer to Mr. RICHARD GRANT WHITE, who was charged in Foster's testimony with having been employed by the manager of the Opera, at the same time that he was furnishing criticisms on the performances in the columns of *The Courier and Enquirer*. Having vainly endeavored to be heard before the Court in denial of this gratuitous imputation, Mr. White has made an affidavit to the facts which only the unusual pressure of news upon our columns prevents from publishing. He contradicts the statements of Mr. Foster in every essential point. He proves by other evidence in addition to his own, that when engaged with Mr. Fry he had no connection with *The Courier and Enquirer*, or any other paper, and did not write musical criticisms for any. He also swears that he was not at the opera on the evening of the first *Benedict* trouble when Foster said he was; that he was not present at a meeting in the Treasurer's room when Foster said he was; that he was not in the habit of meeting Foster at Mr. Fry's rooms, as Foster said he was; that Mr. Orr was also not engaged as Mr. Fry wrote; that his criticisms in the journals as Foster swore he was; and that he (Mr. White) was not in the habit of receiving complimentary tickets to the opera as the same person had testified. All this Mr. White swears to as true absolutely and in every particular, and though we do not think the charges in question, in all respects, deserving of such a refutation, it is well that so grave a calumny as that of violating a votal pen should be met decidedly, no matter from what source it proceeds.

Hon. JONAS P. HALE delivers this evening, at the Broadway Tabernacle, the first of a course of thirteen Anti-Slavery Lectures, which one of the earnest friends of Universal Liberty in this City have provided for the interest of the citizens during the present winter. Aside from the interest which naturally attaches to the opinions of Mr. Hale as the chosen leader of a large class of Anti-Slavery men, his worth as a man and his reputation as a public speaker, will be likely to draw a full house.

One of our citizens who remember his lecture upon the "Last of Gladiatorial Exhibition in Rome," delivered at the Tabernacle last winter, will very naturally wish to hear him again, especially as he is to speak upon the topic in connection with which his fame as a public man was won, and to which he has given for many years his earnest attention.

THE PREMIER MULES OF KENTUCKY.—Three pair of mules, which have been exhibited and taken premiums and received very high praise and flattering notices of the press at Louisville, Lexington, Paris and Danville, Ky., will arrive in this City in a day or two, and will probably be publicly exhibited, as two pairs for sale, the other pair having been engaged by Mr. Jackson, iron founder, at \$1,000, if they answer the description given by the papers and private parties. These mules are three years old and not fully grown, but are now over 17 hands high, and we suppose from what we have read of them are the best three pair of mules ever hatched up together. They are owned by G. J. Selzer, one of the largest mule drivers in the South-western States. We understand that he is bringing them here more as a matter of pride and show than with a hope of profit. His object is to let New Yorkers see what Kentucky can produce in this kind of stock, and perhaps by introducing such animals into our streets, open a market for them here which may be profitable hereafter.

FIREMEN'S ELECTION.—The regular annual meeting of the Board of Representatives of the different Companies in the Fire Department was held at Firemen's Hall, in Mercer street, last night. Charles McDougall, President of the Board, presided, and John J. Tindale was Secretary of the meeting. After the usual routine of business was over the following officers of the Fire Department were elected:

Charles McDougall, re-elected, President; John T. Tindale, Vice President; John B. Hart, Treasurer; Wm. D. Wade, Secretary; John S. Giles, re-elected, Druseur; and David Thell, re-elected, Collector. Trustees for three years—Jesse N. Phillips, Peter H. Titus, and Adam P. Penta, re-elected.

Mr. John Coger, Jr., who has been President of the Board of Trustees for the last 15 years resigned; and Mr. Zephaniah Mills, late President of the Department, was elected to fill the vacancy. A Committee was appointed to get up a testimon